**03 SACRED EARTH SACRED SOUL DISCUSSION GUIDE**

**Opening Reflection: Blessings**

God to enfold me, God in my life,

God to surround me, God in my lips,

God in my speaking, God in my soul,

God in my thinking. God in my heart.

God in my sleeping, God in my sufficing,

God in my waking, God in my slumber,

God in my watching, God in mine ever-living soul,

God in my hoping. God in mine eternity.

(Ancient Celtic prayer found in Alexander Carmichael’s Collection *Carmina Gadelica*)

**Chapter 3 Sacred Flow: John Scotus Eriugena**

1. What was one thing that stood out to you in this chapter (theological ideas, stories, etc.)?
2. Eriugena taught that the whole of that natural world is like a sacred text where God is the flow of life deep in all things (eg. Romans 1:20). Have you ever considered that there might be two sacred “scriptures”?
3. What is the result if we only consider one of these “books” as sacred? What might be the result when we consider these books equally? What do these liminalities, these thresholds, stir in you?
4. What might be hard to reconcile in this chapter with how we have always been taught? In other words, what themes or truths or ideas taught by a 9th century wandering Irish Monk do we find ourselves resisting?

**Closing Prayer:**

Deep peace of the running wave to you,

Deep peace of the flowing air to you,

Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,

Deep peace of the shining stars to you,

Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you

(Ancient Gaelic blessing)